

increase in the number of women police, Miss Lord reported that the Home Secretary prefaced the proceedings by stating that it was his intention, at once, to appoint a Committee of Enquiry to investigate the question.

Letters were also received from the Registrar of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales acknowledging the protest sent by the Council at its last meeting against the action of that Council in empowering an outside body to nominate the Examiners in Mental Nursing for the State Examination.

The Hon. Secretary also reported Miss Sanderson's acceptance of the invitation to take part in a deputation now being arranged.

The Council had the pleasure of hearing from Miss Alice Reeves, Matron of Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, who was present, of her acceptance of office as a Vice-President of the Council, and her appreciation of the honour done her.

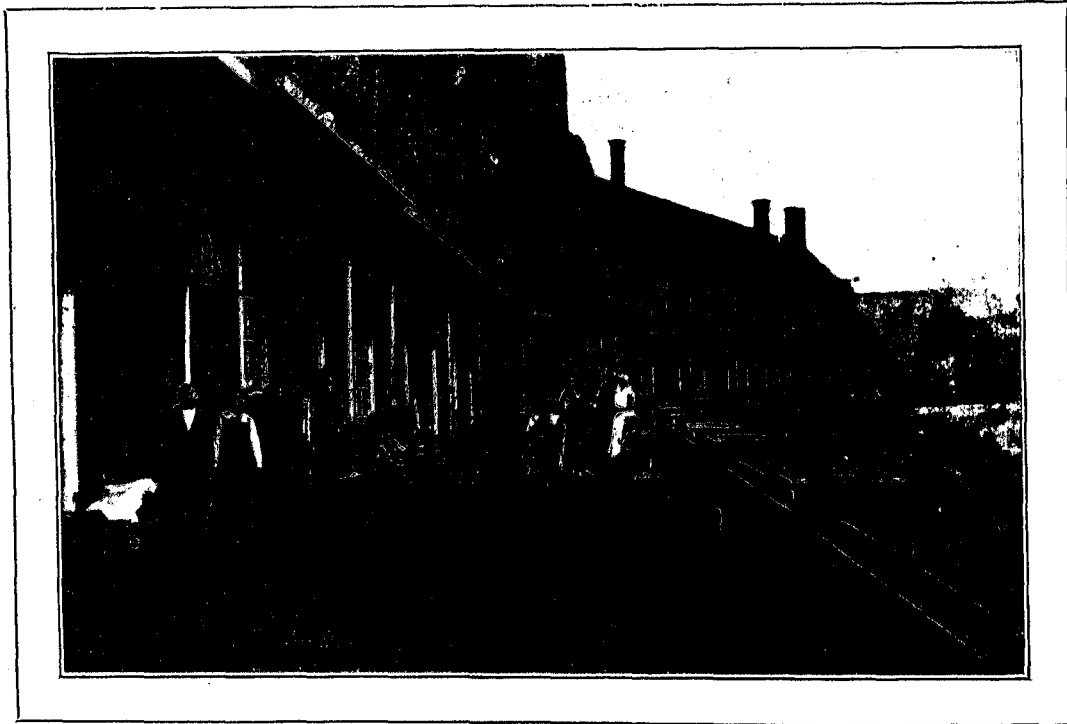
Thirty-four letters were received expressing the regret of members at their inability to be present.

William J. Morton, who has held that position since before the foundation stone was laid by the late Princess Christian on May 13th, 1902. A dainty tea was served at small tables decorated with lovely flowers. All the delicious cakes were made on the premises. The cook has held that position since the hospital first opened, and, with the staff under her, cooks daily for over 200 people.

After a final walk in the lovely grounds the members of the Council reluctantly bid adieu to their kind hostess, and returned to town mentally and physically refreshed.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

It was a great pleasure to the Hon. Officers and some Members of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland who could be gathered together at short notice, to receive Miss Joan C. Joubert, till recently Superintendent of the Victoria Nurses' Institute, Cape



THE TERRACE, MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL, NORTHWOOD.

New members were then elected.

The President, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., S.R.N., Miss S.M. Marsters, S.R.N., and Miss G. Lord, S.R.N., consented to represent the Council at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Women, to be held at Brighton from October 6th to 11th, and Miss Marsters and Miss Villiers were nominated for election on the Executive Committee of the N.C.W.

Miss Breay gave a brief report of the deputation to the Minister of Health, on March 11th, to ask for the appointment of a Select Committee to consider the whole Nursing Question, when the Council, which was introduced by Major Barnett, M.P., was represented by its President.

A very cordial vote of thanks to Miss Sanderson and the Committee of the Mount Vernon Hospital for Tuberculosis was carried unanimously, and the members, on Miss Sanderson's invitation, then adjourned to the hall, where they were joined by the Medical Superintendent of the hospital, Dr. W. G. Kinton, and the Secretary, Mr.

Town, and members of a party of nurses—whom she has conducted from South Africa, to visit the British Empire Exhibition, and make a foreign tour—at the Headquarters of the International and National Councils of Nurses, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W. on May 17th. They were received by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the President, and tea was at once served, the table, decorated with pink tulips and pheasant-eyed narcissi, looking very gay with its green, pink and white china, pink and white sugared cakes, and pink, white and green sweets.

It was a disappointment that Miss J. C. Child, Hon. Vice-President of the International Council in South Africa, before its National Council was fully formed, was unable to be present, but she sent greetings to her South Africa friends, and a message that she was delighted that they had the privilege of meeting the Founder of the International Council of Nurses, of which the South African Trained Nurses' Association is a constituent part, at the Headquarters of the Council.

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